Our experience: five years of digitization, cataloguing, and dissemination with the Polonsky Foundation. Sharing challenges, successes, lessons learned, and tips - CERL remote seminar, 27 October 2020, 3.00-5.00pm UK time

Presentations by the Bodleian Library Oxford, the Vatican Library, the British Library, the Bibliothèque nationale de France, Rome Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale, CERL, Cambridge University Library, Heidelberg University Library, and Wolfenbüttel Herzog August Bibliothek.

An opportunity to share our experience, especially the 'lessons learned', which could be very interesting for many other libraries, large and small, who would like to, or are in the process of, embarking on similar projects.

Issues touched upon will include: Conservation; Cataloguing; Technical; Managerial; Outreach and communication; Research; Collaboration.

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A remote seminar of 2 hours, moderated by Cristina Dondi, Secretary of CERL, and arranged into 6 sessions:

Session 1 (10 minutes)

Welcome and Marc Polonsky on the Foundation

Session 2 (20 minutes): Bodleian/Vatican

**Polonsky Foundation Digitization Project. A collaboration between the Bodleian Libraries and the Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana (2012-17)** <http://bav.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/>

Speakers: Martin Kauffmann (Bodleian); Domenico Izzo (Vatican)

Session 3 (20 minutes): BL / BnF

**Medieval England and France, 700-1200 (2016-19)**

<https://www.bl.uk/projects/polonsky-foundation-england-and-france-digitisation-project>

Speakers: Kathleen Doyle (BL) and Bruno Sagna (BnF)

Session 4 (20 minutes): Rome BNC / CERL

**The digitization of the incunabula of monastic libraries in Italy: the Polonsky Foundation's project with BNCR and CERL​ (2018-2020)** <http://digitale.bnc.roma.sbn.it/progettopolonsky/>

Speakers: Andrea Cappa (BNCR) and Cristina Dondi (CERL)

Session 5 (20 minutes): Cambridge UL / Heidelberg

**Polonsky Foundation Greek Manuscripts Project (2018-2021)**

<https://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/collections/departments/manuscripts-university-archives/subject-guides/medieval-manuscripts/polonsky>

Speakers: Suzanne Paul (Cambridge) and Karin Zimmermann (Heidelberg)

Session 6 (20 minutes): Bodleian / Wolfenbüttel

**Manuscripts from German-Speaking Lands – A Polonsky Foundation Digitization Project (2019-21)** <https://hab.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/en/>

Speakers: Martin Kauffmann (Bodleian) and Torsten Schassan (Wolfenbüttel)

Questions (10+ minutes)

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